विवरण

		भूतपूर्व सैनिकों की संख्या		
(क)	जिन्हें पुनः रोज़गार दिया गया	1993	1994	1995 (अक्तूबर तक)
	(1) सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के केन्द्रीय उपक्रमों और राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों सहित केन्द्र सरकार के अंतर्गत	4,849	4,977	2,346
	(2) राज्य सरकारों के सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों सहित राज्य सरकारों में	5,871	5,678	4,962
	(3) निजी क्षेत्र में	6,016	5,802	5,628
(ख)	जिन्हें स्वःरोज़गार योजना के अंतर्गत वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई।	1,155	536	648
(ग)	स्वःरोज़गार के लिए अन्य सहायता के वास्ते प्रायोजित।	2,177	2,220	4,134

Construction of By-passes on National Highways in Bihar

357. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for construction of by-passes on the National Highways;

(b) the details of the by-passes to be constructed on the National Highways each year during the next three years in Bihar;

(c) the details of the by-passes constructed on the National Highways during the last three years; and

(d) the amount allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) By-passes are provided subject to availability of funds around towns having a population of 20,000 or more where road way width is less than 30 mts. and the urban link is declared as unsuitable link.

(b) No bypass is proposed to be taken up in the State of Bihar in 8th Plan.

(c) No bypass has been constructed, in Bihar, during the last three years.

(d) Does not arise.

Passport Applications Pending from East/ West Godavari Districts

358. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passport applications pending from West Godavari district and east Godavari in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of passports issued in June, 1996 by Regional Passport Offices in Hyderabad;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been delay in processing the applications;
and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The total number of applications pending, from West Godavari district is 473 and from East Godavari District is 385 as on date.

(b) Total number of passports issued in June, 1996 by Passport Office, Hyderabad is 14,200.

(c) No, Sir. There are no delays in processing applications. However, there are delays in granting of passports due to reasons like non-receipt of verification

reports from concerned police authorities, discrepancies in documents submitted by applicants, lack of response from applicants who are asked to submit additional documents etc. In fact, in majority of cases, the Passport Office, Hyderabad has been processing applications and issuing passports within a period of 40 days.

(d) Does not arise.

Smuggling of Arms and Ammunition into the Country

359. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives have been smuggled into the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government into the matter and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Recently there have been instances wherein arms, ammunitions and explosives were smuggled into the country. Available information with regard to seizure of arms etc. is giving in the Annexure *[See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 16].*

(c) Government is alive to the situation and are taking appropriate steps in this regard. State Governments have been asked to appoint nodal officers for coordinating all actions for carrying out reinforced surveillance. Other steps include gearing up of intellgence machinery, stricter enforcement of existing regulations and a close coordination between the concerned Central and state agencies.

Terminal Benefits to the Employees of National Textile Corporation in Gujarat

360. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the employees of NTC mills in Gujarat are yet to get then-terminal benefits after their superannuation;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) by when these employees are likely to get their dues;

(d) whether Government have framed any guidelines in this regard in order to mitigate their hardships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not following the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) On account of acute shortage of working capital requirements, NTC has been able to pay only net wages to the workers/ employees of NTC mills in Gujarat. As a result, there has been some default in payment of post retirement dues to the superannuated employees of NTC towards PF & ESI. An amount of Rs. 43.21 lakhs is outstanding to the superannuated employees of NTC (Gujarat) to-wards PF & ESI dues.

(c) to (e) On account of net worth erosion of 8 out of 9 subsidiaries of NTC, these 8 subsidiary corporations including NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. have been referred to and declared sick by the BIFR. Government have approved a revised Turn Around Plan for NTC mills in Gujarat involving modernisation of six out of eleven mills and restructuring of 5 unviable mills into 3 viable units by merger. This plan involve an outlay of Rs. 158.25 crores. The funds will be generated out of sale of surplus lands and assets of NTC mills. Pending approval of the rehabilitation plan by BIFR and its implementation, Government are meeting the shortfall faced by NTC towards payment of wages and salaries. Once the BIFR approves the rehabilitation plan for NTC (Guj.) and funds become available, it is expected that NTC (Guj.) will be able to clear all oustanding terminal dues of the superannuated employees of its mills. In the meanwhile, the company is